

Adams Sr., an outstanding, colorful and very successful attorney who is known far and wide. This was a position which she held until she retired. Mrs. Faulkner was a great cook and actively involved with church and the community in which she lived.

I am indeed proud of the fact that I was able to know and represent individuals and groups of people like the Faulkner family whose heritage is so closely aligned with mine that I feel a great sense of personal kinship.

Bless you Mrs. Lucille Faulkner and may your soul rest in peace.

RECOGNIZING THE TEACHERS OF  
PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY PUBLIC  
SCHOOLS RECEIVING CERTIFICATION  
FROM THE NATIONAL BOARD FOR  
PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 13, 2014*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Prince William County Public Schools teachers who recently received certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. The National Board is an independent nonprofit organization governed by classroom teachers, school administrators, school board leaders, governors, state legislators, higher education officials, teacher union leaders, and business and community leaders.

The teachers have met the standards established by the National Board and have undergone a rigorous application process that required they demonstrate the knowledge, skills, and accomplishments that comprise teaching excellence. A Board Certified teacher supports a vision of teaching based on the following five core principles:

1. Teachers are committed to students and their learning;
2. Teachers know the subjects they teach and how to teach those subjects to students;
3. Teachers are responsible for managing and monitoring student learning;
4. Teachers think systematically about their practice and learn from experience; and
5. Teachers are members of learning communities.

I would like to extend my personal congratulations to the following National Board Certified Teachers for receiving their respective certifications.

Salome Atkins—Battlefield High School (Renewal), Kellie Bernal—Gravely Elementary School, Nicole Boissiere—Rosa Parks Elementary School, Sara Bosse—Pennington Traditional, Frantzie Cadet—Vaughan Elementary School, Carla Drew—Osborn Park High School, Kristina Ferrell—Osborn Park High School, Donna Garziona—Loch Lomond Elementary School, Erin Hart—Nokesville Elementary School, Mya Hatfield—Marumsco Hills Elementary School, Kelly Haynes—Ashland Elementary School, Anne Hicock—Woodbridge Middle School, Shana Higginbotham—Triangle Elementary School, Marjorie Lathers—Triangle Elementary School.

Nicholas Maneno—Old Bridge Elementary School (Renewal), Bridget Mathwin—Coles Elementary School, Courtney McDonald—Bull

Run Middle School, Melissa Miller—Ashland Elementary School, Janell Mills—Featherstone Elementary School, Stephanie Richards—Tyler Elementary School, Melanie Riley—Signal Hill Elementary School, Teresa Shaffstall—Loch Lomond Elementary School, Carla Shaw—Glenkirk Elementary School, Katherine Sherman—Rosa Parks Elementary School, Jayne Sherman—Occoquan Elementary School, Margaret Stout—Antietam Elementary School, Kelle Stroud—Buckland Mills Elementary School, Tammy Vice—River Oaks Elementary School.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending these teachers for their commitment to education and professional development. Prince William County Public Schools delivers a world class education thanks to the tireless efforts of teachers who make excellence the standard.

HONORING STANLEY "SCOTT"  
ANDERSON

**HON. JASON T. SMITH**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 13, 2014*

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Stanley "Scott" Anderson, who has been a valuable asset to the Cape Girardeau County for over 29 years through his work with the Sheriff's Office as the Maintenance Supervisor. Scott has shown his commitment to the Sheriff's Office by working 29 years on the day-to-day maintenance operations such as vehicle maintenance, equipment maintenance and by learning new advanced information systems to secure the continued operations of the heating/cooling systems of the two-building complex of the Sheriff's Office and Jail. By taking care of inventory, ordering, stocking and securing the most economical solutions for supplies, he enabled the day-to-day operations of the Sheriff's Office. Scott has always upheld a professional standard when working with the public, fellow employees, outside agencies and office holders. Scott always provided jokes and stories to anyone that would listen and kept the work day lively.

It is with sincere respect and deep appreciation that I recognize and thank Scott for his loyalty and many years of dedicated commitment to Cape Girardeau County and the Sheriff's Office. I wish him health and happiness in his future endeavors and in his retirement. He will be truly missed. I am grateful that we have such caring, hardworking members of the Cape Girardeau community; it is my pleasure to recognize his achievements before the House of Representatives.

A COMMEMORATION OF U.S.  
MARINE SGT. LANCE DAVISON

**HON. ANN KIRKPATRICK**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 13, 2014*

Mrs. KIRKPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, Lance Clinton Davison was born on January 8, 1979, the first son of John and Desbah Davison.

In Navajo tradition, Lance is of the Hasht'iishnii Clan and born for Bilagaana.

Lance was raised in Flagstaff, Arizona, and graduated from Flagstaff High School in 1997. Upon graduation, Lance joined the U.S. Marine Corps, where he excelled and became an especially accomplished marksman and scout/sniper.

Immediately following the tragedy of Sept. 11, 2001, Lance was deployed to Afghanistan for duty in the 3rd Battalion 23rd Marines 1st Marine Division, for which he received several medals and commendations, including the Bronze Star and Purple Heart.

Like so many veterans, Lance not only served his country but he came home and helped strengthen his own community. He became a police officer with the Flagstaff Police Department and founded Raven2 O.D.G., a disabled veteran-owned business that provides enhanced training for SOCOM Operatives and agency professionals with precision marksmanship skills.

Lance's dedication to his country and community was surpassed only by his dedication to and love for his son, Korben. Lance was a true hero.

American poet Thomas William Parsons once wrote about the men and women who sacrificed for our country: "On thy grave, the rain shall fall from the eyes of a mighty nation."

Sgt. Lance Davison, a valiant Marine and devoted father, is one of the reasons our nation is mighty.

We remember, honor and mourn him—Lance left us far too soon.

Lance and all of our veterans deserve a community and a country that stand up for our soldiers when they come home. These men and women have served honorably, but they may also struggle mightily.

For years, I've kept a quote on my desk—it was given to me by a veteran, and it says: "Because they have already paid the price, fight for veterans with all of your might."

Fight for veterans with all of your might. This is how we will honor Lance.

MAC HOPPER

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 13, 2014*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Mac Hopper for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Mac Hopper is a 7th grader at Mandalay Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Mac Hopper is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Mac Hopper for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

HONORING THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ENACTMENT OF THE TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT

**HON. JOHN SHIMKUS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 13, 2014*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment today to recognize the 35th anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act, TRA, enacted April 10, 1979. While our friendship with Taiwan spans longer than 35 years, the TRA has been vital in strengthening this mutually-beneficial partnership.

Since the enactment of the TRA, Taiwan has emerged as a model democracy and an economic powerhouse in the Asia-Pacific region and the world. The People of Taiwan enjoy self-governance with a democratic system and direct elections. They also enjoy a booming economy with an innovative tech community.

The success of the TRA cannot be understated. Because of the TRA, the U.S. has been able to enjoy mutually beneficial trade with Taiwan, greater national and international security, and a rich cultural relationship. Our trade relationship with Taiwan is stronger than ever. Time and time again, Taiwan has proven its willingness to engage in substantive trade negotiations. We have enjoyed a positive relationship with them, and it is my hope that Taiwan will soon be admitted to the Trans-Pacific Partnership, TPP.

Over the last 35 years, we have watched Taiwan's contributions to international development and security. Continually, they have come to our aid to assist our antiterrorism efforts. These contributions, and more, have made it clear that, as we strengthen our relationship with Taiwan, we succeed in advancing U.S. interests.

RECOGNIZING THE PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR AWARD NOMINEES FOR PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 13, 2014*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Principal of the Year Award nominees for Prince William County Public Schools.

The Principal of the Year for Prince William County will receive the Distinguished Educational Leadership Award from The Washington Post. Among other skills, nominees must demonstrate the ability to manage effectively, demonstrate and encourage creativity and innovation, and foster a cooperative relationship with students, parents, faculty, staff, and the community.

I would like to extend my personal congratulations to the 2013–2014 nominees for Prince William County Schools, Principal of the year award.

Skyles Calhoun—Woodbridge Middle School, Robert Eichorn—New Directions,

Anita Flemons—Old Bridge Elementary School, David Huckestein—Woodbridge High School, Kathy Notyce—Mullen Elementary School, Amy Schott—Rockledge Elementary School.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending Principal of the Year Award nominees for Prince William County Public Schools and in thanking them for their dedication to leadership in our school system. Their continued service will ensure that Prince William County students are provided with a world class education in a more vibrant learning community.

HONORING SIMON URBANIC

**HON. RANDY K. WEBER, SR.**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 13, 2014*

Mr. WEBER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the birthday of my friend and treasured member of the gulf coast community, Mr. Simon Urbanic, who will turn seventy years old on March 15, 2014. Simon is a resident of League City, Texas along with his lovely wife, Pamela.

Born on Galveston Island in 1944, Simon has committed himself to being a successful business owner, principled conservative and devoted follower of Christ. He also served our country honorably in the United States Navy as an Opticalman 3rd Class. Simon continues to be a devoted servant in Galveston County, serving on several boards in the area.

As an area realtor, Simon has worked tirelessly to help many—including my family—find a house to call home. Not only has he served others through his work and church, he has also worked tirelessly to promote the Republican Party and conservative ideals. Simon is a dedicated and passionate volunteer for the Republican Party, the Galveston County Republican Network and other conservative political causes. A passionate learner of conservative thought, Simon is dedicated to organizing conservative ideology in Texas.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Simon Urbanic on this milestone. I thank him for his many contributions to Galveston Island, Texas District 14, and the United States. I am proud to join his friends and family in celebrating his 70th year. Simon is a friend of mine and a friend of Galveston County and I wish him continued health and happiness.

IN SUPPORT OF WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 13, 2014*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of Women's History Month and H.R. 863, the National Women's History Commission Act. I would like to recognize a few of the many important women from Texas.

While there have been many women leaders in Dallas, one that stands out in my mind

is former mayor Annette Strauss, the second female mayor and also the second Jewish mayor. Before her election to the Dallas City Council, Strauss worked tirelessly as a fundraiser for many organizations, poignantly for the arts in Dallas. During her tenure as Mayor-Pro Tem and as mayor, Strauss successfully provided a refuge for the many Texas families that fell into homelessness during the economic crisis. Today, the Annette G. Strauss Family Gateway remains a facility that provides empowerment for homeless people and families to break the cycle of homelessness and poverty. Strauss served as Ambassador-at-large for the city of Dallas until her death from cancer in 1998.

In the world of education, Yvonne Ewell is a Texas legend. Ewell began her teaching career at Phyllis Wheatley Elementary School in Dallas. Ewell was the first African American woman appointed as the district-wide elementary school consultant and subsequently was named associate superintendent of the Dallas Independent School District (DISD). During her time as the court-appointed school desegregation monitor for DISD, Ewell began planning for a magnet school with her fellow committee members. From her vision, the Yvonne A. Ewell Townview Magnet Center was born and is extremely successful in educating students in its six semi-independent subject-based high schools. Ewell maintained a strong, controversial stance on education in Dallas schools until her death in 1998 of pancreatic cancer.

When recognizing Dallas leaders, it is impossible to not highlight Margaret McDermott. At the age of 102, McDermott will lend her name to the second signature bridge which connects downtown Dallas to west Dallas over the Trinity River. McDermott and her late husband Eugene McDermott have been philanthropists and friends to civic, cultural, and educational organizations nationwide. Some recipients of the McDermotts' generosity include the University of Texas at Dallas, the Dallas Museum of Art, the Hockaday School, the AT&T Performing Arts Center, the Meyerson Symphony Center, and even the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. While McDermott takes little credit for her philanthropic activities, she continues to do more civic good in her hometown of Dallas.

While there are many women that we should recognize for their historic leadership in Dallas, we must recognize the young leaders in our community as well. Ariel Atkins, a senior basketball player at Duncanville High School, currently has her eye on a third state championship. The fourth-ranked prospect in the ESPNW HoopGurlz Top 100 for the class of 2014, Atkins has already made the decision to play basketball at the University of Texas next year. Despite her hard work and talent on the court, Atkins is committed to helping others, which she says she feels is her sole purpose in life. Young women like Atkins need encouragement from parents, coaches, and teachers so that they can reach their goals and beyond.

The women I have recognized are true visionaries. I urge my colleagues to support Women's History Month so that we can empower women at every age to be leaders in their fields and in their communities.